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Honda Returns to Science Classroom for Earth Day

Los Gatos, CA— Today former science teacher, U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose) celebrated Earth Day by returning to the science classroom to teach middle school students about chemistry and oceanography at Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos and Rogers Middle School in San Jose. Honda also took the opportunity to talk with the students about the importance of protecting our natural environment in addition to presenting retiring science teacher Glen Kimoto of Rogers Middle School with a commendation for over 38 years of service in education.

“As we celebrate the 31st Earth Day, it is essential that we educate our young people about the importance of protecting our environment,” said Honda. “By promoting strong science education in the classroom we can empower our young people to make a real difference in safeguarding our natural heritage for future generations. I am very grateful for the opportunity to return to the classroom to join in that effort.”

At Fisher Middle School in Los Gatos, Honda participated in lab designed to teach 6th Grade Science students how to map the ocean floor. At Rogers Middle School in San Jose, Honda participated in a lab exercise that teaches 8th Grade students how energy is stored within organic compounds.

In addition to leading the fight for education funding in the United States Congress, Mike Honda continues to be a strong advocate for the environment. Honda has strongly opposed the Bush Administration effort to begin drilling for oil in the Arctic national Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol— the international agreement governing greenhouse gases and climate change. Congressman Honda has also urged the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to expedite the removal of MTBE from California gasoline. MTBE has been shown to cause cancer and leaks into drinking water from underground storage tanks located underneath gas stations.

“On Earth Day 2001, we must remember that American families want their government to improve, rather than undermine our country’s public health and environmental protections,” continued Honda. “The environment is not a partisan issue—the vast majority of Americans want clean air, clean water and pristine public lands for their children and grandchildren.”